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SUBJECT: ASAHI ARTICLE ON PEKING-TAIWAN TALKS

FOLLOWING IS QUICK ROUGH TRANSLATION OF NOV 6 ARTICLE BY PEKING-BASED  
ASAHI REPORTER TADOKORO REPORTING ALLEGED CONTACTS BETWEEN  
PRC AND TAIWAN:

BEGIN HEADLINE: QUOTE: SPECIAL ENOVYS FROM TAIWAN HELD NEGOTIA-  
TIONS WITH PEKING?; ON REVERSION PROBLEM SOUNDED OUT "FEDREAL SYSTEM.  
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ETC. INFORMATION FROM FOREIGN SOURCE; RUMORS OF KISSINGER'S  
MEDIATION. END HEADLINE.

(PEKING, NOV 6 CORRESPONDENT TADOKORO) ACCORDING TO A  
FOREIGN NATION SOURCE'S INFORMATION, WHICH WAS RECENTLY  
RUMORED IN PEKING, THREE PERSONS, INCLUDING A SPECIAL ENVOY,  
WHO WERE ACTING ON THE WISHES OF A TAIWAN INFLUENTIAL LEADER,  
ADMINISTRATIVE YUAN CHAIRMAN CHIANG CHING-KUO, RECENTLY  
ENTERED PEKING, THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF US SECRETARY  
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OF STATE KISSINGER, IN ORDER TO HAVE COMMUNICATIONS

ON THE PROBLEM OF TAIWAN'S RETURN TO THE FATHERLAND, AND HELD TALKS WITH IMPORTANT CHINESE LEADERS. THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PRESS OFFICER CONCERNED MERELY SAID IN REGARD TO THIS INFORMATION, ON THE 6TH THAT "WE WILL TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THERE WAS THIS QUESTION," AND DID NOT MAKE ANY CONFIRMATION AS TO WHETHER THIS IS TRUE OR NOT. HOWEVER, WITH THE ENDING OF THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, NORMALIZATION OF SINO-US DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IS BECOMING A CONCRETE POLITICAL SCHEDULE, WHILE ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG, IS TAKING THE POSTURE OF PROMOTING THE IMPROVEMENT OF SINO-US RELATIONS, CLARIFYING THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE OBSERVATION IS APPEARING AMONG THE DIPLOMATIC OBSERVATION SOURCES IN PEKING THAT THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY OF PROGRESS IN TALKS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE TAIWAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED, IN CONECTION WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF SINO-US RELATIONS.

CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PRESS OFFICER DOES NOT CONFIRM FACT

ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION, THE DELEGATION, HEADED BY A TOP-LEVEL LEADER OF TAIWAN, AND WHICH ENTERED PEKING, THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, IS SAID TO HAVE PRESENTED A DRAFT PLAN FOR THE RETURN TO THE FATHERLAND IN A KIND OF "FEDERAL SYSTEM" FORM, SO TO SPEAK, INCLUDING SUCH POINTS AS (1) MAINTAINING BASICALLY THE PRESENT PERSONNEL LINE-UP, FROM THE TOP DOWN, OF TAIWAN. (2) THE RECOGNITION OF A CERTAIN DEGREE OF SELF-GOVERNING RIGHT, AND (3) THE MAINTENANCE OF TAIWAN'S MILITARY POWER AS AT PRESENT, AS ADMINISTRATIVE YUAN CHAIRMAN CHIANG CHING-KU'S INTENTIONS. TOWARD THIS, IT IS SAID THAT THE CHINESE SAIDE REFUSED TO AGREE TO THE ITEM CONCERNING THE "MAINTENANCE OF MILITARY POWER", BUT IMPLIED THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF AGREEING TO THE OTHER POINTS, AND THAT THE TAIWAN ENVOYS RETURNED CONFIDENTIAL

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HOME, ACCEPTING THIS IN PRINCIPLE. VARIOUS OBSERVATIONS ARE AFLOAT IN PEKING CONCERNING THIS, AND THERE ARE SUCH RUMORS AS THAT SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND CHIANG CHING-KUO BOTH CAME TO PEKING, OR THAT CHIANG CHING-KUO, OR KISSINGER ALONE CAME TO PEKING. HOWEVER, WHETHER THEY ARE TRUE OR NOT ARE ALL UNKNOWN.

CONCERNING THE NORMALIZATION OF SINO-US DIPLOMATIC

RELATIONS, CHINA HAS BEEN SEEKING FROM BEFORE (1) THE US SIDE'S WITHDRAWING OF THE US FORCES AND ITS MILITARY FACILITIES FROM TAIWAN AND FROM THE TAIWAN STRAITS, (2) THE SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN, AND (3) THE ABROGATION OF THE US-TAIWAN MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. IF ONE STANDS ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT "TAIWAN IS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF CHINA." THEN THE US SIDE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO COME CLOSER TO THESE ASSERTIONS OF THE CHINESE SIDE. IN THAT CASE, IF TAIWAN WERE TO CONTINUE TO SEEK OF THE US SIDE THE ENSURING OF ITS SECURITY, AND IF IT WERE TO TAKE SUCH AN ACTION AS COUNTERING THE PEKING GOVERNMENT'S "LIBERATION" POLICY WITH ARMED FORCE, THE US MAY FALL INTO A DIFFICULT POSITION.

US DEMOCRATIC PARTY SENATE MAJORITY LEADER SCOTT (TN:SIC), WHO VISITED CHINA IN JULY, IN HIS WRITTEN REPORT TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, EXPRESSED THE FOLLOWING VIEWS: "THE CHINESE SIDE SAID THAT IT IS PREPARED TO HAVE TALKS AT ANY TIME WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF TAIWAN. THE US SHOULD FULFILL A 'POSITIVE ROLE' TOWARD TAIWAN FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE TAIWAN PROBLEM." AMONG DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN PEKING, THE POSSIBILITY OF THE US SIDE'S PROMOTING TALKS BETWEEN PEKING AND TAIWAN, IN ORDER TO AVOID A DILEMMA HAD BEEN POINTED OUT FROM THE START.

WITH CARTER'S ELECTION AS THE NEXT PRESIDENT, THE RETIREMENT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TEAM OF FORD AND KISSINGER HAS BEEN DECIDED. HOWEVER, IF CONSULTATIONS ARE HELD BETWEEN CARTER, WHO WILL BE INAUGURATED PRESIDENT NEXT YEAR, AND KISSINGER AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED, THEN DIPLOMATIC LEGALITY  
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AND CONTINUITY CAN BE FULLY MAINTAINED, AND THIS EVEN LEADS TO THE OBSERVATION THAT IT COULD BE THE STYLE LIKED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, TO "PUT FORWARD THE LAST BLOOM."

IN THE PAST, TOO, THE LATE PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI ONCE CLARIFIED THAT, IF THE LATE TAIWAN GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK WILL RESPOND TO A RETURN TO THE FATHERLAND, HE IS PREPARED TO WELCOME HIM TO AN IMPORTANT POST IN THE GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, WHAT EXTENT OF FLEXIBILITY CHINA WILL SHOW IN REGARD TO THE HANDLING OF TAIWAN, AFTER ITS REVERSION, IS A DELICATE POINT. THERE IS ALSO THE OBSERVATION THAT, IN THE CASE OF A LENIENT "FEDERAL SYSTEM"-LIKE SETUP, AS

DESIRED BY THE TAIWAN SIDE, ACCORDING TO RUMORS,  
IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO IGNORE THE EFFECTS ON  
THE UNIFICATION OF CHINA, WHICH IS AIMING AT SOCIALISM  
END QUOTE. HODGSON

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